By 2023, Latinos will represent nearly 30% of all students enrolled in U.S. schools. Their success will contribute to our nation’s success. All of our work is dedicated to ensuring their equitable access to quality education. Our programs, policy, and advocacy ensure that all kids count and have the educational and personal opportunities to become empowered adults. We develop and promote best practices aimed at improving student outcomes from early childhood education to post-secondary programs. We work with practitioners, policymakers, and advocates to help students succeed from kindergarten through high school. And we support initiatives focused on helping Latinos access, transition into, and complete higher education.

About Us

UnidosUS, previously known as NCLR (National Council of La Raza), is the nation’s largest Hispanic civil rights and advocacy organization. Through its unique combination of expert research, advocacy, programs, and an Affiliate Network of nearly 300 community-based organizations across the United States and Puerto Rico, UnidosUS simultaneously challenges the social, economic, and political barriers that affect Latinos at the national and local levels.

For more than 50 years, UnidosUS has united communities and different groups seeking common round through collaboration, and that share a desire to make our country stronger. For more information on UnidosUS, visit www.unidosus.org, or follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

The NILSL-CA infuses the voice of school leaders who work with and on behalf of Latino students, dual language and English learners (ELs), into the education policy arena. NILSL-CA fellows provide insights, elevate best practices, and inform policies that directly relate to or impact youth in K-12 education.

Members of the inaugural NILSL-CA cohort will examine how education and civil rights laws at the state and federal levels have impacted ELs and how the EL Roadmap creates opportunities for advocacy and local leadership in California. By the spring legislative session in 2021, fellows will be prepared to meet with their state representatives discuss policies that align to the EL Roadmap and advance equity for ELs and/or Latino students.

The NILSL Fellows also:

• Join a national network of civil rights advocates passionate about advancing opportunities for Latino students and ELs.
• Develop skills in writing, public speaking, team-building, and legislative advocacy.
• Participate in in-person training modules and legislative visits at the California Capitol.
• Represent UnidosUS in various education forums to help advance the organization’s policy positions.

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